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The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith. The Examiner's attention is also directed to co-pending patent applications:

- a) Methods and Apparatus of Etch Process Control in Fabrications of Microstructures, Shi, et al, filed 9/17/2003, Attorney Docket No. P118-US; and
- b) An Etching Method Used in Fabrications of Microstructures, Shi, et al, filed 9/17/2003, Attorney Docket No. P120-US.

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